

Appl. No. : 10/789,590
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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to the siRNA expression cassette.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the U6 promoter from claim 4, a fluorescent dye as an indicator of cellular delivery from claim 6, and a sequence for GFP from claim 8. Claims 4, 6, and 8 read upon the elected species. Claims 1-3, 5, and 9 are generic to the elected species.

This election is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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